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PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS:

1. THIRD MEETING OF JWG ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE CONDUCTED IN EXTREMELY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE ON BOTH OFFICIAL AND SOCIAL LEVELS (SEE SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS CONTAINED IN CAIRO 625). A SOMEWHAT JARRING NOTE WAS STRUCK THIS MORNING, HOWEVER, WHEN THE PRESS REPORTED THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS INC. (EPI) AND MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE \$10.9 MILLION ASSISTANCE TO THREE EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES. THE EPI PROPOSAL, IF FUNDED AND IMPLEMENTED, WOULD PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE, BUT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT PUTS THE CART WAY OUT IN FRONT OF THE HORSE AND IS EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING.

2. THE BEENY CARTER VISIT WAS SUPERLATIVELY SUCCESSFUL FROM BEGINNING TO END. THE GROUP HAD FULL HOUSES IN BOTH CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA, CONDUCTED WELL-RECEIVED LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS IN CAIRO AND CHARMED EVERYONE THEY MET AT SERIES OF SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. THEY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER.
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